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In re Application of)
ANDREW J. DANNENBERG) Group Art Unit: 1617
Patent Application No. 09/554,604) Examiner: S. Wang
Filed: May 31, 2000)
For: CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 INHIBITION)

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

OK to enter This is in response to the final Office Action of March 15, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

4-19-02 IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1 and 2.

Cancel Claim 6

Amend Claim 7 to be as follows:

7. (Amended) A method of treating a patient with a virus-caused liver disease selected from the group consisting of chronic viral hepatitis B and chronic viral hepatitis C comprising administering to said patient a cyclooxygenase-2 inhibiting amount of selective inhibitor of cyclooxygenase-2 and therapeutic amount(s) of anti-viral drug(s).

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Cancel Claim 8

Amend Claim 9 to be as follows: